TATESMEN RECALL THEIR APRIL FOOL PRANKS OF BY-GONE DAYS

Senators and Representatives Recall Occasions When They Gloried in Observing All Fools' Day-A Cigar That Proved a Boomerang—The Wax Lady on the Sidewalk-Ginger and Red Pepper-An Elastic Doughnut -One on "Teacher"-Handing It to the "Highbrows" — Cupid in Tears.



AVE you, Unsuspecting One, ever accepted a lusbonbon on April less - appearing swallowing which your "innards" felt like a steam laundry. up and sizzling?

Or have you, at about midnight the same date, received a frantic hurry-up call to attend a dying friend and found that the address given carried you to a graveyar? filled with weird, moonbeam-lighted tombstones?

If such things ever befell you, did you take them like a good sport or did you call the perpetrator of these selfsame villainous pranks seven kinds of

All Fools' day is ipso facto the May of the practical joker, and it is rumored that "P. J.'s" are quite numer-ous around the Senate and House ofbuildings. Because their day of days is fast approaching, the more sedate members of Congress, who believe that April Fool joking ranks about zero in the line of pastimes, are putting themselves on guard.

"I know exactly what's going to happen on the morning of April 1," said one anti-P. J. senator, with a wry smile. My next door neighbor is going to enter my office, glance casually at my coat and ask me why a blonde hair is reposing on its left shoulder. If I am unsuspicious and look down at it he will double up with mirth and yell

"Later on in the day my stenographer will offer me some candy; and I, too busy with affairs of importance to remember the previous joke, will accept a pinkish, mintlike confection, only to have it vanish into thin air the moment it reaches my mouth.

When it's almost time to leave for home one of the boys will call up and tell me to rush to a certain supposedly important session. On my arrival I will be greeted with the hilarious laughter of a few foolish colleagues who will shrill the hateful words, 'April Fool!' at me.

"It will be the same old pr ist of April as it was last-same old jokes, same old victims. But what's the use protesting about it? Men are only

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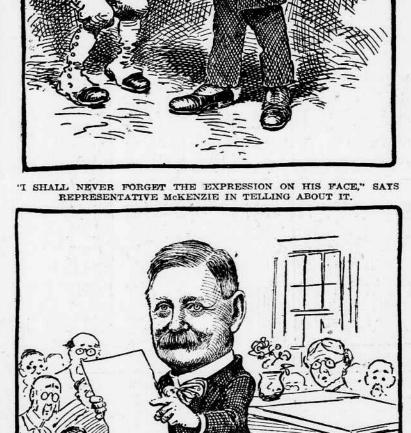
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SENATOR JONES RECALLS AN APRIL FOOL PRANK OF A WAX LADY ON THE SIDEWALK

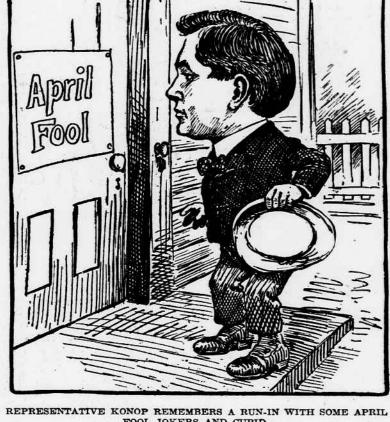




REPRESENTATIVE FARR CAN TASTE THAT ELASTIC DOUGHNUT EVEN "I WILL DRAW THE CURTAIN ON THE PAINFUL CLIMAX," CHUCKLES SENATOR SHAFROTH.

whom my schoolboy friends and I sold fore, only to secure their respective code fruit trees during our vacation.

ten pounds of sugar and a can of rel tions to express their thoughts and unpepper. We mixed these ingredients, placed them in a tasket, surreptitiously installed them in front of a grocery store along with the merchant's other wares, and placarded it with the sign: This signals was the mariner's Esperanto, or grade of sugar, twenty pounds for a dolument of the universal means of communication that the sign: The signals was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the sign is the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the mariner's Esperanto, or the universal means of communication that the signal was the universal means of communication that the signal was the universal means of communication that the signal was the universal means of communication that the signal was the signal



ed nis mouth and commenced to read he would receive the unanimous approval of those assembled, who would signify their pleasure by smilingly nodding their approval, or by exchanging whispered words of favorable comment.

"Sometimes I used to enjoy these effusions, but very often I grew bored, and longed to hear a rollicking bit of verse, a laugh-provoking narrative or a chapter or two from one of the new fiction books. I used to watch the faces of my intellectual club members as the amateur literary attempts fell upon their ears, and often wondered what sort of expressions would overspread their countenances if some one should feed their ears with a literary abortion. I shuddered with pleasure at the thought. As April I approached I conceived a wicked plan to surprise and fool my club members.

'Fate worked hand in hand with me for luckily I was the one destined to compose the article to be read April Fool's day. I worked hard on my essay, believe me, and when I finally finished it and read it over I was well repaid for my efforts. It was about the most non nsical combination of words and phrases and idiotic epigrams that I have ever heard of. Most of it was horribly illiterate-I worked extra hard to make it so. Following close on the heels of a perfectly senseless sentence was a golden retrievely senseless sentence was a golden thought, framed in the finest English.

"Recently when I read Berton Braley's conglomeration of nonsensical wirds in verse, a la Kipling, and which concluded something like this, "It doesn't mean a single thing, but ain't it impressive dope?" I was forcibly reminded of my April Fool masterniece.

April Fool masterpiece.
"Well, when the fatal day arrived I arose, walked solemnly to the platform and commenced to read my masterpiece impressively and without allowing a single smile to break forth. I will draw the curtain on the painful climax. Let it suffice that before I had half finished my article I was rushed off the stage, with the hars I was rushed off the stage, with the harsh words of rebuke of the president ringing in my ears. A few of the more power-ful members of the society had a sense of humor, and it was solely due to their efforts in my behalf that I was not thrown out of the literary circle immed

when Representative Thomas F. Konon was acquiring his education he attended the Northern Illinois College of Law, and was considered by all of his college friends a great debater. Thereby hangs another April Fool tale.

"There was a certain young lady residing near our college, and who attended our fraternity dances, whom I very much admired in those days," said Mr. Konon. "She was a very beautiful girl, and her company was much sought after by the young men of the community, who considered the slightest attention of hers a great honor.

gage in a debate at our debating club.

FOOL JOKERS AND CUPID.

In on it.' We omitted handing the petition to about four pupils, for we knew that the be squeaters, and we had non tention of being found out.

"I was the one selected to be the decoy and the others were my confederates. I was given the honor job because I was then one who had conceived the ingenious joke. The big day arrived and at an appointed hour I left the schoolroom, ostensibly to get a drink of water. When I returned I walked quiety up to teacher and politely informed her that the principal wished to see her am moment.

"I' will be gone only a few moments and I request that all of you act like little ladies and gentlemen until I return, 'she said. 'Will you promise?'

"Yes, ma'am,' we chorused, heartliy and earnestly."

"Teacher left the room, and as soon as the sound of her footsteps died away along the corridor we arcse quietly, formed a land marched to be companded to the content of the corridor we arcse quietly, formed a land marched to looke room and filed out of the building and into the open without being discovered. We met a teacher or two on our way out, and several pupils, too, gazed enviously at us on our outward march. But may see the content of our teacher."

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translation: "I am sinking. Send all operator simply opens in code in available boats to save passengers and shows the questioner the long available boats to save passengers and shows the questioner the long combinations that enables him to

F one places one's self in the position appropriated that which promised to be The same operation was repeated until

of radio operator aboard a passenger ship one must answer a particular question from passengers almost every voyage. They ask: "You must be able to read foreign languages, I suppose?"

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Your reply is: "It isn't necessary." And they quiz again: "Well, how can you communicate with a foreign ship?" Then to a three-letter combination in a code and the passenger exclaims: "Oh, I see."

Those three letters means the possibility of international communication when radiotelgraphy came into universal use. They meant that, although neither can speak the language of the other, an American can communicate with a Frenchman or a German with an Italian. The more and a system of communication that is universal.

For instance, if the operator on an American vessel wishes to talk with the operator on an Italian vessel, he sends out the signal, "P. R. B." Translated, this means: "I wish to communicate by means of the international code of signal, "P. R. B." Translated in the operators have, there if fore, only to secure their respective code in the formation of this code was to select such the formation of this code was to select such formation of this code was to select such formation of this code was to select such the formation of this code was to select such formation of this code was to select such formation of this code was to select such formation of this code was to fight and weather. Under the comminations in this section. The formation of this code was to s

more perfect each country prints its own It was this and later conferences which resulted in the present perfected code which now covers all the needs of any latinary of the language of any nation conversation that might be desired. At main the same because they are printed

Right Hand Innocent.



Senator Robert homa is part In-Mrs. Narcissa daughter of an Indian chief of the Cherokees, which tribe once inhabued part of South Carolina and Georgia. Many years ago they were moved by governorders to

what is now the state of Oklahoma.
Senator Owen's Indian name is Oconostota, At one period in her life Mrs. Owen lived in Lynchburg, and while there hired a colored way as her warden. colored man as her gardener. He had once been a man of little principle, but had become converted, and now made when he came to the Owen home to who had been and other bird food, so that the

When he came to the Owen home to see about getting the position Mrs. Owen thought she would test his sincerity, so the caught she would test his sincerity, so "Here," thundered the congressman thought she would test his sincerity, so "Here," thundered the congressman on the place is a small cabin, surroundshe questioned him regarding his honesty.

"James," she said, "I am told you are
a professing Christian now. "Yas, yas,
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because of come and in this humble abode are an old man and his wife. Simple and poor though it professing Christian now. "Yas, yas, n'am, I is," replied James with a sweep-

owen.

"Well, m'am," grinned James, "it's jest this way. I lows it ain't right ter steal no apples. But whin I is down at dedepo' handling dem barrels of apples I orders my right hand to keep out, and I linds my left will keep slipping around till it gits one—so I don't let my right hand know what my left hand do!"

And he broke into a delighted chuckle at having solved the problem to his entire statisfaction.

"What's the matter with him?" asked the congressman.

"That man," said the other, as he prepared to hurry after the attache, "is a baron in his own country."

"uh! That's all right," said the member of Congress, with the dignity of three kings and a pair of queens, "five bartenders have told me today that I'm a prince."

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Representative Roberts of Nevada tells a story which may or may not certain congress man and a certain NO.

colored man, who happened to be an attache to a legation in Washington representing a colcolored attache

Better Than a Deed.



Senator John W. Kern has a home in Indianapolis and another down in the mountain country in south west Virginia, comprising At Christmas it was the scene of a pretty little scheme carried out. In every tree were

hung tiny baskets

in am, 1 is, replied James with a sweeping bow.

"Well, I want you to give me your opinion of apple stealing," continued Mrs.

"Well, in the state of coma, the and his wife. Simple and poor though it attache dumbly and automatically be, it has been their home for years, the opinion of apple stealing," continued Mrs.

Owen.

